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Wonderful Demonstration at Markham

**TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE GATHER
TO HONOR THE PRIME MINISTER**

Progressive Achievement Under Liberal Administration.

Prosperity Returning to Canada.

Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather last Saturday morning over ten thousand people gathered on the Fair Grounds at Markham to do honor to Canada's Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King in the newly composed constituency of North York.

The decorated procession, headed by the 48th Highlanders' Band and the Newmarket contingent, was nearly three miles long, including also the Aurora and Sharon Bands, and the contingent from Woodbridge and Vaughan, together with the decorated truck carrying the soldiers from Christie St. Hospital in Toronto. The contingent from Stouffville and the east, headed by the Stouffville Band had already arrived and the immense grand stand was filled with people residing in the vicinity before the procession arrived.

Distinguishing features, which brought forth great applause, were the presentation of beautiful bouquets and more especially when Mr. King accepted the huge "Loving Cup," five feet high and filled with flowers, from the Ladies' Liberal Association of Markham.

It was 2.30 before the last of the procession reached the grand stand, immediately after which Mayor Cane of Newmarket, President of the North York Liberal Association, called the gathering to order and introduced a deputation from Markham Village and Markham Township, when a formal address of Welcome was presented to the Premier, giving the expression of the people to their appreciation of his administration and the hope that he may

long be spared to conduct the affairs of the country with such remarkable efficiency.

Very capable addresses followed by Mr. McGwerin, M. P. for Ottawa, and Mr. Sinclair, Leader of the Liberals in the Ontario Legislature and a college chum of the Premier.

When Hon. Mr. King came forward to speak he was greeted with a cheer that was a wonderful inspiration for the success of the Liberal cause.

Mr. King had only been speaking a short time when a shower came up but the immense crowd never flinched. They had gathered to hear what the Liberal Administration had done while in power, and though shower after shower passed over the patient hearers were spellbound with the eloquence of the Prime Minister and the accomplishments of the Liberal Government.

When he closed his magnificent ovation at 4.30 there was a regular downpour of rain and the crowds made for the Agricultural Building where it was announced he would be pleased to personally greet his friends. As the village of Markham was gaily decorated with arches mottos, flags and bunting so that the portion of the Hall where the Premier received was literally one high bank of ferns and flowers. There was no lack of evidence on the part of the village that they were proud of the distinction given them in the visit of the Premier of Canada.

The rain prevented what had been looked forward to as a great day of sport. The ball teams had started just as the speaking commenced and engaged the at-

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